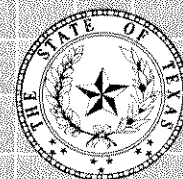


STATE OF TEXAS



1984-1985 BIENNIUM



Mark White

MARK WHITE, GOVERNOR OF TEXAS



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MARK WHITE
GOVERNOR

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE:

As leaders of Texas, we have a difficult yet challenging task: Choosing a prudent fiscal plan for the next two years in the face of uncertain economic times, while keeping a clear vision of the actions necessary to achieve the greatness which lies in our state's destiny.

As a starting point, we can make no more worthwhile investment than in the education of our children. This budget makes education its clear, first priority. Along with this document I am presenting a public school finance package and ask that you give it your earliest consideration.

The other vital budget issue concerns revenue. With continually shifting international oil prices and declining tax revenues, it appears we may not be able to count on sufficient revenue from current sources to fund some programs that we would like to. This budget proposes most programs at their current level, adjusted for inflation. Some of the areas in which we had hoped to make advances will have to wait.

In this regard, this budget calls for a total all-funds budget of \$32.9 billion for the 1984-85 biennium, requiring \$24.2 billion from general revenue and other major funds. This general revenue and major funds figure is \$227 million below the recommendations of the Legislative Budget Board, yet it provides an overall biennial increase of 22 percent over the 1982-83 biennium.

The Summary of the Executive Budget highlights the areas to which I am most committed and discusses the priorities I feel necessary. It also discusses in more detail my proposals to resolve our current revenue problems.

I view this budget as a starting point and I look forward to working with you as you make the legislative decisions which will set the course of state government for the next two years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark White".

Mark White
Governor of Texas

SUMMARY OF AGENCY BUDGETS - GENERAL REVENUE

	EXPENDED	APPROPRIATED	REQUESTED		RECOMMENDED		BIENNIAL INCREASE RECOMMENDED
	----- 1982	----- 1983	----- 1984	----- 1985	----- 1984	----- 1985	-----
ARTICLE I - EXECUTIVE AND ADMIN- ISTRATIVE DEPART- MENTS AND AGENCIES	\$ 1,261,824,601	\$ 1,442,999,405	\$ 4,004,382,624	\$ 3,772,204,392	\$ 1,835,980,954	\$ 1,958,249,206	40.28%
ARTICLE II - HEALTH, WELFARE AND REHABILITATION AGENCIES	1,297,709,877	1,500,262,208	2,147,163,915	2,255,810,742	1,649,644,173	1,761,702,872	21.92%
ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF PUBLIC EDUCATION	4,607,737,773	5,069,499,479	7,008,169,931	7,322,711,084	5,854,523,196	6,311,332,705	25.72%
ARTICLE IV - THE JUDICIARY	37,340,434	39,295,939	52,544,885	52,820,223	53,244,413	54,429,555	40.50%
ARTICLE VI - THE LEGISLATURE	34,679,515	44,235,585	41,109,569	42,518,473	41,109,569	42,518,473	5.97%
REAPPROPRIATIONS					141,112,070		0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 7,239,292,200</u>	<u>\$ 8,096,292,616</u>	<u>\$13,253,370,924</u>	<u>\$13,446,064,914</u>	<u>\$ 9,575,614,375</u>	<u>\$10,128,232,811</u>	28.48%

SUMMARY OF AGENCY BUDGETS - ALL FUNDS

	EXPENDED	APPROPRIATED	REQUESTED		RECOMMENDED		BIENNIAL INCREASE RECOMMENDED
	----- 1982	----- 1983	----- 1984	----- 1985	----- 1984	----- 1985	-----
ARTICLE I - EXECUTIVE AND ADMIN- ISTRATIVE DEPART- MENTS AND AGENCIES	\$ 3,045,785,500	\$ 3,530,285,128	\$ 5,983,592,913	\$ 5,816,221,418	\$ 4,285,959,201	\$ 4,515,047,485	33.83%
ARTICLE II - HEALTH, WELFARE AND REHABILITATION AGENCIES	2,445,410,838	2,851,821,922	3,601,292,377	3,853,683,193	3,048,590,413	3,277,094,515	19.41%
ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF PUBLIC EDUCATION	6,907,645,873	7,590,486,818	9,529,236,964	9,887,614,759	8,448,148,422	9,050,326,667	20.69%
ARTICLE IV - THE JUDICIARY	40,539,411	42,948,808	55,724,266	56,045,330	53,256,913	54,442,055	29.00%
ARTICLE VI - THE LEGISLATURE	34,679,515	44,235,585	41,109,569	42,518,473	41,109,569	42,518,473	5.97%
REAPPROPRIATIONS	-----	-----	-----	-----	141,112,070	-----	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	\$12,474,061,137 =====	\$14,059,778,261 =====	\$19,210,956,089 =====	\$19,656,083,173 =====	\$16,018,176,588 =====	\$16,939,429,195 =====	24.21%